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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAGR, CH

SUBJECT: PRC GRAIN PRODUCTION

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

REF: PEKING 1771

1. FOLLOWING MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY SHA FENG'S STATEMENT TO NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR HARLAND (REFTEL), THERE HAVE BEEN TWO MORE AUTHORITATIVE COMMENTS ON CHINA'S GRAIN HARVEST PROSPECTS FOR 1974. SPEAKING TO AUSTRALIAN VICE PREMIER CAIRNS, DURING THE LATTER'S TRIP TO PEKING IN MID-OCTOBER, MINISTER SHA FENG AGAIN SAID THAT CHINA'S GRAIN HARVEST THIS YEAR WOULD EXCEED 250 MILLION TONS AND WOULD BE THE BEST CROP SINCE 1949.

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2. ON ANOTHER RECENT OCCASION VICE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND

FORESTRY HSIAO P'ENG TOLD THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR THAT THIS YEAR'S HARVEST WOULD BE OVER 250 MILLION TONS AND ADDED THAT THIS WOULD BE A NEW RECORD. THE PREVIOUS RECORD, HSIAO SAID, WAS CHINA'S 1971 HARVEST WHICH HE SAID WAS 250 MILLION TONS.

3. COMMENT: THE CHINESE ARE CLEARLY CONFIDENT OF GETTING IN A RECORD GRAIN CROP THIS YEAR, ALTHOUGH THE SIZE OF THE INCREASE IN PRODUCTION REMAINS TO BE ASCERTAINED. AT THE SAME TIME TWO OFFICIALS, WHO SHOULD KNOW, HAVE NOW PRIVATELY CONTRADICTED NCNA'S PUBLIC CLAIM THAT LAST YEAR'S CROP WAS A RECORD AND "TOPPED 1971'S 250 MILLION TONS."  
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